RICAS Assessments

The Rhode Island Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS) is a high quality assessment of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics given to Rhode Island students in grades 3–8.



Why is RICAS important?

The RICAS gives teachers, students, and families information about student progress, school performance, and how to improve teaching and learning.



When will my child take the RICAS?

The RICAS ELA assessment window is March 28 - April 29, 2022.

The RICAS mathematics assessment window is April 27 - May 29, 2022.

Each district and school will determine its own testing schedule within these overall state testing windows.



How do I know how my child performed on the 2021 RICAS assessment?

Each student who takes the RICAS assessment in English language arts and mathematics had a Student Score Report sent to their school district for them to share with the family. Further information about the Student Score Report can be found at www.ride.ri.gov/Assessment-Results.



How long are RICAS assessments?

Total testing time varies by subject. Students complete sessions over several days or weeks.

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Mathematics

2 sessions

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Suggested testing time per session:
1) 120–150 minutes
2) 90–120 minutes

Suggested testing time per session: 90 minutes

What types of questions will my child be asked?



Students will answer different types of questions to measure understanding in ELA and mathematics, including multiple choice, fill-in-the-blank, "technology enhanced" questions like drag-and-drop, and written responses.

If you are interested in learning more about the types of questions on the assessment, check out the RICAS Released Items and Practice Tests at RICAS.PearsonSupport.com/Student.